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TAGS: OEXC, PK (AZHAR ASLAM)

SUBJ: IVP NOMINEE ASLAM AZHAR

REF: STATE 256343, A-1159

1. QUESTION OF TRAVEL CATEGORY FOR ASLAM AZHAR HAS BEEN RAISED BY HIS OFFICE (WITH OR WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE WE DO NOT KNOW). THEY HAVE EXPRESSED STRONG OBJECTIONS TO HIS TRAVEL ECONOMY CLASS STATING THAT AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF PAK TV HE IS ENTITLED TO FIRST CLASS ON ALL OFFICIAL TRAVEL.

2. REVIEW OF FAM 12/407.2-2(4) SUPPORTS VIEW THAT MAN IN HIS POSITION MAY QUALIFY FOR FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL AND VIP PER DIEM.

3. ASLAM AZHAR, AS HEAD OF TELEVISION, IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN POST MEDIA RELATIONSHIPS. NO FIGUREHEAD, HE RETAINS DIRECT PERSONAL CONTROL AND IS KNOWN TO HAVE THE FAVOR OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE RULING PPP. WHILE THE POST IS NOT TOO PLEASED TO SET A PRECEDENT WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE CLAIMED BY SOME FUTURE GRANTEES IT MUST RECOGNIZE THAT AZHAR DOES HAVE INFLUENCE AND IS NOT JUST ANOTHER MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS FIRST CLASS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND A PER DIEM OF \$50.

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5. SINCE HE PLANS DEPARTURE NEXT WEEK REQUEST DEPARTMENT

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